

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: 1201-03 North Calvert Street				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Solomon's Corner				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1201 North Calvert Street (also 1203)				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY:		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment				
<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum				
<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Calvert & Biddle Street Corporation				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1201-03 N. Calvert St.				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Md.		21202
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Records Office Room 601				
STREET AND NUMBER: Baltimore City Courthouse				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland		21202
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): JFC 1794-70				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation				
STREET AND NUMBER: Room 900 26 South Calvert Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland		21202

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncolored	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
			<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>This imposing white stone building commands the corner from both front and side. One of its most arresting features is its extremely low and wide, curvilinear marble stoop and portico with 2 3/4 flanking fluted marble columns and stone pilasters, both with Corinthian capitals; another is its balustraded stone cornice; another is its unusual number and arrangement of bay windows, both front and side.</p> <p>Although it is 3 1/2 stories, like neighboring buildings, its balustraded cornice rises above the others and the bays are exceptionally wide so that the building consumes two building lots and its bays are the equivalent of six.</p> <p>Grillwork abounds: two narrow grilled windows separate pilasters from columns; the transom over the entrance is grilled; iron railings lead up the three stairs to the graceful stoop.</p> <p>Since the broad portico is the center of attraction of the first story, windows there are one over one (2 windows), but on story two our attention is drawn to two three-sided, 3 windowed bay windowed bay windows, one over one with transoms. The same feature is repeated on story three, but rounded grills decorate these windows.</p> <p>The side of the building is equally compelling: two three-sided bay window sections reach the height of the building, each with aesthetically pleasing turrets built into the angles at each extremity (on both second and third floors). On the first floor, between the bay window structures, fluted stone 1/2 and 1/4 columns rise between central windows.</p> <p>There is additional iron grillwork on the third story.</p> <p>This is an unusual building, in excellent condition.</p> <p>Fenestration throughout: double hung, with one-over-one lights. The following windows have transoms: <u>Calvert Street side</u>- first floor windows (tripartite); second floor (one piece). <u>Chamfered bay facing southeast corner</u>- first and second stories (one piece). <u>Biddle Street side</u>- far left bay, first floor (one piece); middle bay, second floor (tripartite fanlight); right bay, first floor (one piece); second floor, right and left windows (one piece), and center window (bi-partite (?))--partially boarded). Basement windows are casement type, and are grated.</p>			

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Blocks like the 1200 block of N. Calvert St. provide the neighborhood with its essential character. Houses in this block are fine examples of row houses in the Richardsonian style. The rough stone and irregular facades are some of the most interesting in Baltimore. The overall atmosphere of the neighborhood is that of four story rowhouses, some in this Richardsonian style, others in Gothic revival style etc. As John Dorsey notes, "the most interesting buildings (in the neighborhood) are those erected between 1887 and 1906, products of the examples set by Richardson, Sullivan, the young Frank Lloyd Wright and others. American architects were creating a "free eclectic" style which, if it drew on European models, was at the same time reflective of a rapidly growing and confident America." (John Dorsey and James D. Dilts. A Guide to Baltimore Architecture. Cambridge: Tidewater Publishers, 1973, p.135.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

1201 N. Calvert - 1203: 38' 4 1/2" by 112'-10"

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Cleora Thompson, Neighborhood Survey Coordinator		
ORGANIZATION Comm. for Hist. & Arch. Pres.	DATE 9/19/75	
STREET AND NUMBER: Room 900, 26 S. Calvert St.		
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore	STATE Md.	21202

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

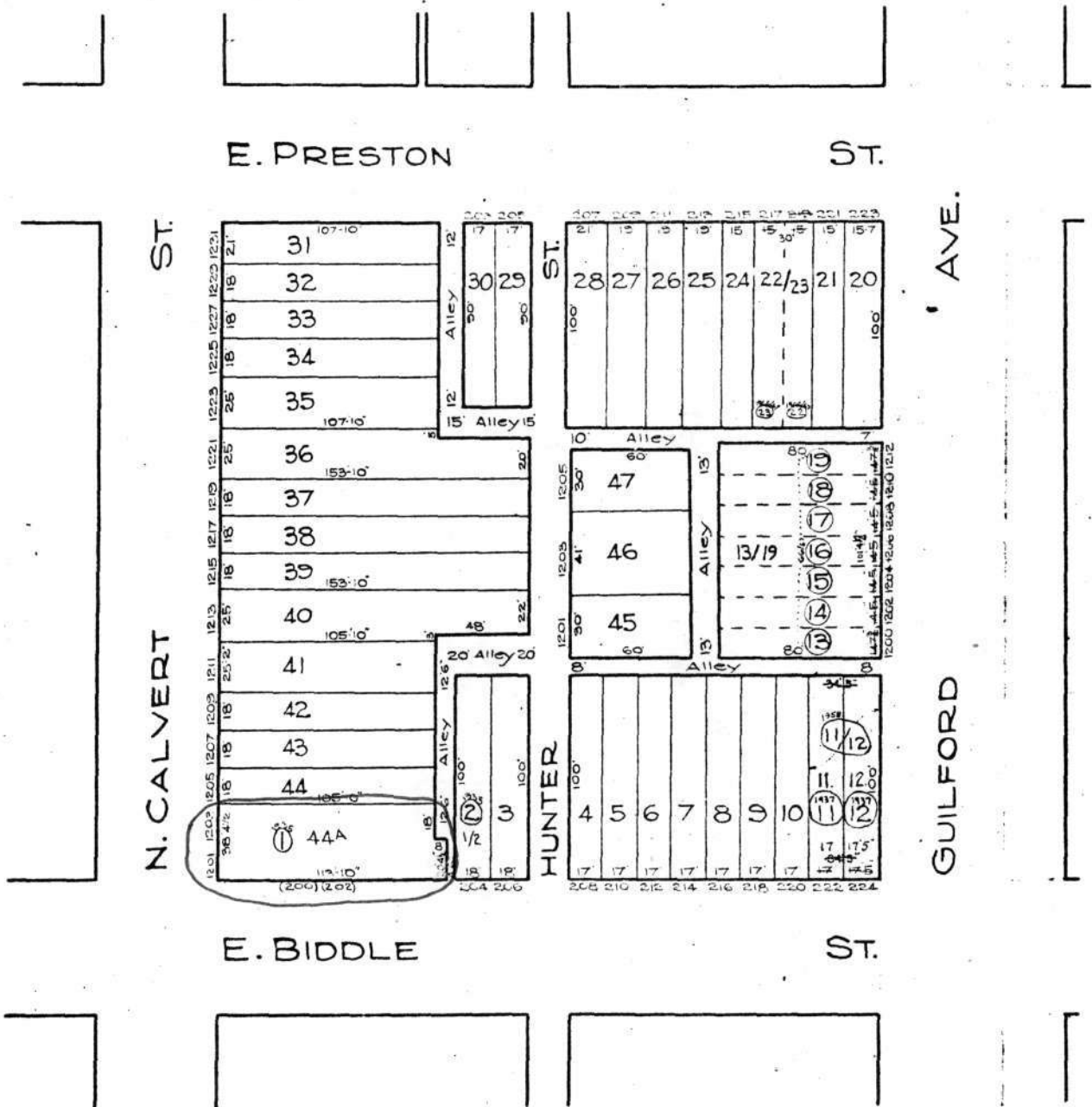
Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

RE-VALUATION
 Lot Nos. 1/2, 44A, C. 5th 1935
 Lots 11 & 12 Const. Per App. 2070 C. 5th 1248,
 Lot 11/12 Divided Per Deed C. 5th 1942
 Lot 22 & 23 Const. Per App. 200 C. 5th 1647
 Lots 15-19 Const. Per App. 200 C. 5th 1909

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 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS
 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION
 WARD 11 SECTION 1
 BLOCK 486
 SCALE: 1" = 50' (SEE MAP)

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1201 1203 N. CALVERT